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NEWS AND NOTES

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The meeting this year was held at Richmond, Virginia, Friday and Saturday, December 27 and 28, in the Jefferson Hotel. The meetings were very well attended considering the war-time conditions which have prevailed during the past year. The Jefferson Hotel, in the words of President Cooley, was "just the right sort of a place for our purpose." We missed the familiar faces of some of our members, namely Giddings, Ross, Small, Vincent, Howard, Dealey, Blackmar, and Lichtenberger. The meetings were unusually spirited in impromptu discussions.

President Cooley refused re-election for a second term. In his stead Professor F. W. Blackmar, of the University of Kansas, was elected. The other officers for the year 1919 are First Vice-President James Q. Dealey, Brown University; Second Vice-President, Edward C. Hayes, University of Illinois; Secretary-Treasurer, Scott E. W. Bedford, University of Chicago; members of the Executive Committee, Cecil C. North, J. E. Cutler, F. Stuart Chapin, Wm. J. Kerby, E. L. Earp, and Miss Grace Abbott.

President Cooley read a message of greetings from the Institut International Sociologie, René Worms, secretary. The business meeting instructed the President to send the greetings of our society to our sister society in France, and suggested an effort at co-operation between our Society and similar organizations in France, England, Italy, and Belgium.

A Committee was appointed to "inquire into what is and what may be done in teaching sociology in the grades and in the high schools."

The meeting next year will perhaps be held in Lexington, Kentucky.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Among the five extension courses of lectures on problems relating to war and reconstruction arranged by the University are the courses "Race Psychology" offered by Professor Ernest L. Talbert, and "Principles and Methods of Social Service" given by members of the faculty and by local and national social workers.

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

Professor Roy W. Foley has leave of absence for the year and is serving as district educational director for the National War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A. in the camps around Baltimore.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

James H. S. Bossard, M.A., Ph.D., has joined the faculty of Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, as professor of sociology and economics. Professor Bossard received his Doctor's degree at the University of Pennsylvania, and during the past year has been engaged as editorial and civic writer on the staff of the *Allentown Morning Call*. Before that he had been head of the department of history and social science at Muhlenberg College.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Professor E. C. Branson has been invited to go to France as agriculture specialist in rural life for the Army Overseas Educational Commission.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Professor G. S. Dow, formerly professor of sociology in Oberlin College, is head of the department of sociology and economics. The establishment of the department of sociology in this developing western university is indicative of the growth of interest in sociology in the Southwest.

RICE INSTITUTE

The curriculum has been enlarged by the establishment of a lectureship in civics and philanthropy. Courses for credit and public lectures, designed to train professional and lay workers for social service in the South, are being given this year. If the interest of Houston and environs justifies it, the lectureship will be continued. The present incumbent is Herbert Knight Dennis, Ph.D., Harvard, 1918, formerly assistant in sociology at the University of Illinois and a former undergraduate pupil of Professors Ward and Dealey at Brown University.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Assistant Professor H. J. McClean has been elected president of the Los Angeles Social Service Commission.

Miss Sarah Bundy, A.M., is offering a new course this quarter entitled "The Sociological Content of Modern Drama."

The Sociology Seminar is giving its attention this year to "Social Problems and the War."